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Margaret Donnellan Todd County Librarian July 09, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

# **ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

24 July 9, 2013

SACHI A. HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ACCEPT DONATION FROM AT&T
THROUGH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARY FOUNDATION
FOR THE LIVE HOMEWORK HELP PROGRAM
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

The Public Library is recommending that the Board of Supervisors accept a one-time donation from AT&T through the Los Angeles County Library Foundation (County Library Foundation) for the Live Homework Help Program.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Accept a one-time donation in the amount of \$25,000 from AT&T, through the County Library Foundation, to allow the Public Library to continue to provide free afterschool online homework assistance through the Live Homework Help Program.
- 2. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to send a letter of thanks to the County Library Foundation for the generous donation.

# PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the County Library Foundation to donate funding in support of the Live Homework Help Program. This program is an online tutoring service that is essential to the Public Library's operation. The program allows patrons with a County of Los Angeles Public Library card to receive free, one-on-one homework help in core academic subjects including math, science, social studies and English from any internet-enabled computer during after-

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school hours and on the weekends. The Program also provides adult learners with career building services, GED and citizenship test preparation.

# **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goals in the areas of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3).

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Acceptance of these funds does not require matching funds from the Public Library and does not commit the County to provide ongoing services. The Live Homework Help Program is funded by Public Library Operating revenues as well as donations from the County Library Foundation. The Public Library continually seeks supplemental funding to support this program. The Public Library's operating budget includes an appropriation to cover expenditures from donations.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County policy requires that donations of \$10,000 and over be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance. Acceptance of this donation is consistent with Government code Section 25355.

The donation will be used by the Public Library towards the payment of Tutor.com for the Live Homework Help Program.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The recommended actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they do not constitute a project according to Section 15378 of CEQA.

# **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This generous donation from AT&T, through the County Library Foundation, will enable the Public Library to continue providing an enhanced level of service and programs.

#### CONCLUSION

Attached is a draft letter of appreciation to the County Library Foundation. Please instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to send the letter to:

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Respectfully submitted,

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County Librarian

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**Enclosures** 

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller

# **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LETTERHEAD**

**TBD** 

John Donner, Chairman c/o Kenneth Kramer Los Angeles County Library Foundation 7400 E. Imperial Hwy. Downey, CA 90242

Dear Mr. Donner:

At its meeting held on July 9, 2013, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors accepted, with thanks, a donation of \$25,000 from the Los Angeles County Library Foundation for the County of Los Angeles Public Library's Live Homework Help Program. This donation will promote the library's online tutoring service for free, after-school, online homework assistance to patrons with a County of Los Angeles Public Library card.

The Board members have requested that I express their appreciation to the Los Angeles County Library Foundation for this generous donation.

Very truly yours,

SACHI A. HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER